

REMARKS

Applicants seek entry of the present amendment prior to Examination on the merits. Claims 1-17 have been canceled. New claims 18-30 are added. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **514862002400**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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